REMARKS

In the Office Action, claim 2 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. With the present amendment, the limitations of claim 2 have been added to claim 1 and claim 2 has been canceled. As amended, claim 1 represents claim 2 rewritten in independent form. As such, claim 1 and claims 3-9, which depend therefrom, are in form for allowance. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 9-14. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 3-14 are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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